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SUBJECT: NPG: FRG DECLARATION OF INTERPRETATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGY
STUDY FORWARDING LETTER

REFS: (A) USNATO 1809 (DTG 301202Z MAR 77); (B) USNATO 1045
(DTG 251835Z FEB 77)

1. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW IN PARA 4 THE TEXT OF A LETTER
CONTAINING THE FRG "DECLARATION OF INTERPRETATION" OF PARA 10
OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGY FULL STUDY PANEL FORWARDING LETTER
(REF A). WHILE AGREEING TO THE TEXT OF THE FORWARDING LETTER
AND NOT FORMALLY BREAKING THE SILENCE PROCEDURE, THE FRG
CLEARLY HAS INDICATED ITS PREFERENCE ON THE
PURPOSELY UNADDRESSED ISSUE OF A CONTINUED ROLE FOR THE
TECHNOLOGY STUDY GROUP. THE UK PREVIOUSLY HAS INDICATED
ITS OPPOSITION TO CONTINUING ANY NEW TECHNOLOGY FOLLOW-ON
WORK IN THE NPG (REF B). NPG PERMREPS TENTATIVELY PLAN TO
DISCUSS THE NEW TECHNOLOGY STUDY ON APRIL 21, ALTHOUGH
DISCUSSION COULD SLIP TO EITHER MAY 5 OR MAY 23. IF
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WASHINGTON STILL PREFERS THE NPG AS THE LOCUS OF AT
LEAST NEAR-TERM NEW TECHNOLOGY FOLLOW-ON WORK, WE BELIEVE
THAT, GIVEN THE DIFFERING NATIONAL VIEWS, IT WILL BE
DIFFICULT TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON A RECOMMENDED COURSE
OF ACTION FOR ANY FOLLOW-ON ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.
THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE THAT, AT THIS MEETING, WE SHOULD
TRY TO SEEK CONSENSUS SUPPORT FOR THE SUBSTANCE OF THE
REPORT AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FOLLOW-ON ACTION.
PERMREPS COULD ENGAGE IN A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON
THE BEST ORGANIZATION TO CARRY OUT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS,

BUT A DECISION ON THIS ASPECT WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE TO
BE DEFERRED TO MINISTERS.

2. SINCE THE FRG HAS NOT BROKEN THE SILENCE PROCEDURE,
WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY FOOTNOTING OF THE FORWARDING
LETTER IS REQUIRED. NEITHER DO WE BELIEVE THAT
THE AMBASSADOR'S TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO SYG LUNS NEED MAKE ANY
MENTION OF THE FRG DECLARATION,
SINCE THE FRG ALREADY HAS CIRCULATED THE TEXT OF THE DECLARATION
TO NPG ALLIES. THE FRG CONCURS IN THIS APPROACH.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY APRIL 20
REGARDING A STATEMENT FOR THE CHARGE TO MAKE AT THE APRIL 21
NPG PERMREPS MEETING COVERING THE CONCLUSIONS AND ORGANIZATIONAL
ARRANGEMENTS FOR FOLLOW-ON EFFORTS OF THE NPG NEW TECHNOLOGY
STUDY.

4. BEGIN TEXT OF FRG LETTER:
MY AUTHORITIES HAVE ASKED ME TO SUBMIT THE
FOLLOWING DECLARATION OF INTERPRETATION CONCERNING
THE DRAFT FORWARDING LETTER OF THE FULL STUDY PANEL
OF THE TECHNOLOGY STUDY GROUP/NPG WHICH WAS AGREED
AT THE MARCH 28/29 1977 MEETING OF THE FULL STUDY
PANEL:
"MOD GERMANY AGREES TO THE DRAFT WORDING OF THE FOR-
WARDING LETTER OF THE FULL STUDY PANEL OF THE TECH-
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NOLOGY STUDY GROUP/NPG.

AS FAR AS PARA 10 IS CONCERNED AND IN THE LIGHT OF
THE FULL STUDY PANEL DISCUSSION WE UNDERSTAND THAT NO
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TSG AS A CONTINUOUS STUDY GROUP
IS INTENDED. RATHER, WE UNDERSTAND PARA 10 TO SAY THAT
AS LONG AS NO DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
"CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK" HAS BEEN TAKEN (SEE PARA 9B)
THE TSG MAY STAND BY FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME
TO ASSIST MINISTERS AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES
IS SO DESIRED IN A CONCEPTUAL WAY".
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